

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 144 - HB 529**

January 31, 2001

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Allows an individual or group to bring a complaint to the board of education alleging a violation of the provisions of this act. If the individual or group determines that the complaint has not been adequately addressed, such person or persons may present the complaint in writing to the Commissioner of Education who will investigate and respond to the complaint.
- Provides that the board of education may establish an advisory complaint committee consisting of both parents and teachers to make non-binding recommendations to the board regarding the disposition of complaints concerning grades, discipline, curriculum, and similar student issues.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Assumes:

- the bill refers to local boards of education rather than the state board of education. Any increase in local government expenditures will be dependent upon whether boards of education establish an advisory complaint committee and whether such committee members are reimbursed for expenses and/or provided a stipend for their service. However, such increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- an increase in state expenditures in the Department of Education to investigate and respond to complaints forwarded to the Commissioner; however, such increase is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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